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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 21 November 2003.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-16 is/are pending in the application.

4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 13 and 14 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 15 and 16 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6) Other: _____.

Specification

1. The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter. See 37 CFR 1.75(d)(1) and MPEP § 608.01(o). Correction of the following is required: the specification does not include the limitation of "prior to band limiting...." As recited in claim 1.

In addition, the disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: page 7, last line "the" is mistyped as "th". Throughout the specification, "thermistor" is mistyped as "thermsistor, see for instance page 13, line13. page 38, line 21, "provide" is mistyped as "provid". Page 39, line 21, "examples" is mistyped as "xamples" and "be" is mistyped as "b". page 45, line 21, "code" is mistyped as "cod" and line 22, "amplifier" is mistyped as "amplify r". Page 47, line 22, "linearizer is mistyped as "lin arizer". Page 48, line 4, "a" is mistyped as "an" throughout the specification, "comparator is mistyped as "comparitor", see for instance page 52, line 7.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which

said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 13-14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Satoshi Mogi JP409107299A in view of Cho et al US patent No. 6,208,849.

Satoshi Mogi discloses a receiver having element 1 considered as the mean for receiving an input signal that includes a data signal and inherently jamming or noise signal; an amplifier 4, having a first adjustable bias level, configured to receive the input signal and amplify the same into an internal signal; a detector 6 for detecting a level D1 of a signal that is inherently proportional to a level of the input signal with inherently both the data and the jamming/noise signals; element 8 configured to receive the signal D1 indicating a signal strength of the input signal and produce a bias control signal D2; a bias generating means 9 and 10 for generating an adjustable bias signal supplied to the means for amplifying to adjust the bias level of the means for amplifying.

However, Satoshi Mogi does not explicitly teach that the additional limitation of downconverting the internal signal to produce a second internal signal.

In the same field of endeavor, Cho et al teaches the additional limitation of downconverting the internal signal to produce a second internal signal. See fig. 7, element 116.

It would have been obvious to one skill in the art at the time of the invention to incorporate such a teaching in Satoshi Mogi so as to convert the RF signal to a format suitable to facilitate reconstruction of the original signal.

As per claim 14, it would have been obvious to one skill in the art to generate the adjusted bias in such a way as to remove the jamming or noise signals so as to improve signal detection.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 15-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. Claims 1-12 are allowed over the prior art of record.

6. **Any response to this action should be mailed to:**

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Jean B. Corrielus whose telephone number is (703) 305-4023. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 7:00 A.M. to 5:30 P.M.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel, can be reached on (703) 308-7728.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.



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Primary Examiner

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